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NIS COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 13  
29 November 1948

1. Members present were as follows:

	Dr. Dunn	State
	Dr. Appleton	State
	Col. Van Wyk	Army
	Lt. Col. DeHority	Navy
	Lt. Col. Gould	Air Force
	Maj. Gamber	Air Force
25X1A9a	[REDACTED]	CIA liaison officer with JS
	Maj. Sorey	Secretary, JMC
25X1A9a	[REDACTED]	CIA (Chairman)
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2. Maj. Sorey read a memorandum from JMC to the Chief, Basic Intelligence Group, to the effect that it is the consensus of JMC that the U.S. Weather Bureau should compile and evaluate the data for Section 23; that many gaps currently exist in such data; that Weather Bureau has no funds with which to hire personnel to collect this data; that Armed Forces Agencies cannot transfer funds to the Weather Bureau; 25X1A1a and that Weather Bureau needs [REDACTED] for FY 1949 and [REDACTED] for FY 1950 - all to be supplied by CIA. The following points were stated:

a. It is not the policy to use intelligence funds to build up non-IAC Agencies for the purpose of performing their inherent departmental responsibilities.

b. Even if CIA were to supply [REDACTED] for FY 1949, it is now too late for this sum to have any effect on the FY 1949 production schedule. 25X1A1a

c. Agents, such as military, naval, and air attaches, are already in the field to collect the needed data.

The following was the consensus of the Committee:

a. Contributions should be prepared, in so far as possible, by the use of available data.

b. Major gaps should be filled by the use of priority collection requests on CIA and the IAC Agencies.

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- c. Weather Bureau should survey its long range responsibilities relating to the NIS Program and, if indicated, seek the moral support of the DCI in obtaining additional funds from Congress.

Major Sorey agreed to reopen the matter with JMC. NIS Committee members were requested to brief their Agency members on JMC. The Chief, BIG, is to return the memorandum by official indorsement to JMC as soon as he is advised of the results of JMC's reconsideration.

3. At the 244th meeting of JMC on 26 November 1948, the following allocations of responsibility for preparing Section 23 were made:

- a. Weather Bureau to compile and evaluate data.
- b. C 1 b, c Navy
- c. C 1 d (3) Air Force in consultation with Army.
- d. C 1 d (5) " " " " " "
- e. C 1 e " " " " " "
- f. C 2 a (Construction) " " " " " "
- g. C 2 a (Storage) Army
- h. C 2 c (Clothing and Temporary Shelter) "
- i. C 2 c (Permanent Shelter) "
- j. Air Force to produce remainder of section.

4. The functions of coordinating staffs and chapter coordinators were discussed. It was decided that where an Agency prepares a whole section of a chapter which is being coordinated by another Agency, the former is to send one copy of the section or a summary thereof to the latter and the other copies directly to BIG. In each instance the chapter coordinator is to investigate to decide whether a complete copy or a summary is to be required. It was also decided not to press for completion of Chapters I for the time being because it is desirable to see how Chapter I of the NIS (Tentative)-Turkey turns out. Agencies should prepare summaries of chapters they have completed and maintain these summaries in their files.

5. It was the consensus (Joint Staff concurring) that Chapter VIII of NIS #1 should be produced (and Chapter VIII of NIS #19 dropped) and accorded a limited distribution. CIA requirements are to be determined by OCD. The IAC Agencies and JS are to determine their requirements and report them to BIG.

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6. Colonel Halversen reported that JS does want a study on Okinawa. JS is willing to take all of NIS 45 in lieu of a study involving only Okinawa but would want NIS 45 in the same priority as the Okinawa study. It being impracticable to undertake to produce NIS 45 at this time, the Committee decided to publish the special study and to amend the FY 1950 schedule so as to include all pertinent chapters.

7. Colonel Halversen was not clear on JS requirements for NIS #69. He is to ascertain these requirements and report them at the next meeting.

8. It was decided that the gazetteer on Alaska should not at this time be published unclassified and distributed by BGN to all legitimate users. The reason for this decision was that declassification and issue to all users might lead to embarrassment because of requests which might arise for other gazetteers. [REDACTED] undertook to inform Dr. Burrill of this decision.

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9. It was decided to allot Army (tentatively) 1,000 copies of the gazetteer instead of 170 as previously requested.

10. The Proposed Tentative NIS Production Schedule - FY 1950 was not discussed in view of several changes which are to be made in it. It will be discussed at the next meeting.

11. In response to a query by Navy, it was announced that BIG might accept contributions in excess of scheduled requirements where that might prove practicable. BIG does not, however, accept any such specific commitment at this time. It is desirable first to ascertain from experience what the effect of the scheduled work load will be on BIG.

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12. State, Army, and Air Force approve of [REDACTED] Navy is awaiting the action of the Chief of ONI.

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13. It was pointed out that all production scheduled through December 1948 should in fact be submitted to BIG before the end of December 1948. Otherwise, BIG will have an impossible load in January 1949. All Chapter III contributions to date are now ready. Col. Van Wyk said he would check up on Chapter II contributions.

14. Army reported that summary treatment will be feasible for Chapters VII of NIS Nos. 29, 28, 53, and 31 for FY 1949 and NIS Nos. S45, 36, 33, 40, 41, and 32 for FY 1950.

15. An outline was given of procedure to be followed by producing Agencies when base maps are not available on an NIS area. This procedure is as follows:

a. Map Branch, CIA, is to furnish or recommend to the contributor an existing map to be used tentatively as a base map

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and a compilation to show what the scale of the final base map will be.

b. The contributor will then use this map as a tentative base map in preparing contributions and will prepare photographic copies for submission with text and other graphics to BIG.

c. The final base map, when prepared by Map Branch, will be forwarded to the contributor, who will then make final compilation and prepare finished overlays.

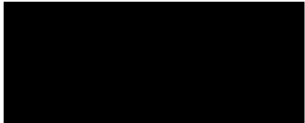
d. BIG will then effect a junction at the printer's of final, data-bearing maps with the balance of the material.

16. It was announced that lists of base map names from BGN will be distributed early to contributors. These advance name lists should save some labor at a later date. Production should not, in any event, be delayed because approved names are not available..

17. The Air Force member complained that the classification of CONFIDENTIAL on base maps, necessitated by reason of the appearance on the maps of NIS numbers which, in conjunction with the map areas themselves, indicates the NIS area, is occasioning storage difficulties in his Agency. It was decided that, in future, the NIS numbers will be omitted from base maps and the classification thereof will be lowered to RESTRICTED.

18. It was decided to hold the next meeting of the Committee on Monday, 6 December 1948, at 1000 hours.

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